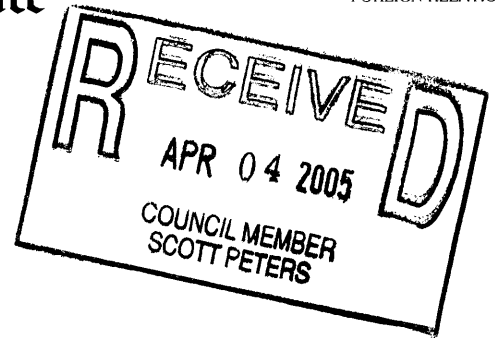


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The Honorable Scott H. Peters
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Dear Councilman Peters:

Thank you for writing to me about the damage caused by the recent rains in San Diego. I understand your desire to have President Bush extend federal declaration for this disaster, which currently covers the period between December 27, 2004 and January 11, 2005. The February storms only added to the terrible damage that San Diego and other California cities and counties suffered this winter.

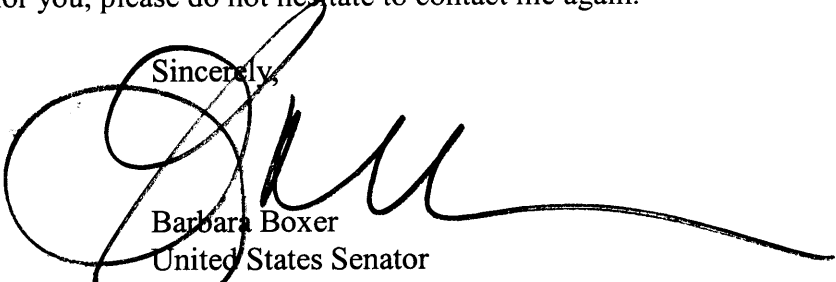
The authority to request a disaster declaration rests with state governors. Rather than seek an extension of the original declaration, Governor Schwarzenegger has chosen to ask President Bush for a second declaration for the period of February 12-24. He made this decision after consulting with the state Office of Emergency Services and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. I understand that both of these agencies advised the governor that the state stood little chance of obtaining a single declaration covering the entire winter storm season.

On March 18, 2005, I wrote to President Bush in support of the governor's second request. (A copy of this letter is enclosed.) I am hopeful that we will receive a favorable reply in the near future.

Again, thank you for writing to me and for all your efforts on behalf of your constituents. If there is anything else I can do for you, please do not hesitate to contact me again.

Sincerely,

Best regards



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